

Medicaid & Legislative Watch Committee

October 16th, 2025

Attendees: Bill Loyd (Chair); Megz Stroback; Laura Leise (HHS); Andria Pooley (Staff)

Highlights & Decisions

- **Committee scope/title:** Bylaws emphasize advising policymakers and monitoring laws; “Medicaid” focus may be duplicative. Bill will ask the Executive Committee to clarify/narrow scope and reconcile the title.
- **Iowa Advocacy Partners (IAP):** Bill represents OCTF; group coordinating a shared advocacy voice. Consultant: Liz Matney.
 - Nov 6: Asset-mapping session (working meeting).
 - Nov 13, 6–8 PM, Harkin Institute: From DC to Iowa public event; in-person + virtual.
- **2025–26 Policy Priorities:** DD Council keeping last year’s priorities; IACP 25/26 list TBD; IAP may issue shared priorities. OCTF will align where appropriate and add any gaps; draft for February full Taskforce.
- **Candidate Forums & Hill Day:** Preference to partner with other groups’ events vs. hosting solo.
- **Calls to Action:** Arc alert on OSEP/RSA cuts circulated; AUCD drafting a statement. Bill will seek EC approval for OCTF to sign on and to set a light expectation that voting members complete 1–2 calls to action/year.
- **Membership & Onboarding:** Re-engage prior members; invite new Taskforce

Current Committee invitee/participant list

- Megz Stroback; Paula Connolly; Teya Kerns, Skylar Hoffman; Harriet Gulbranson; Jen Simmering; Michael Martin; Bill Loyd; Kelly Stull; Anne Crotty; Laura Leise; Falcia Beck; Portal Figueroa

Quick Action List

- **Bill:**
 - Raise scope/title with Executive Committee; report back.
 - Keep OCTF plugged into IAP; share materials/updates.
 - Compile DD Council/IACP/IAP priorities → recommend OCTF list (for Feb).
 - Track partner candidate events/Hill Days → propose join options.

- Ask EC about AUCD sign-on + member action expectation.
- **Andria:**
 - Re-send Nov 13 Harkin Institute info.
 - Finalize onboarding logistics; check bylaws on committee service.
 - Cancel **November** instance (Thanksgiving); confirm **Dec 18** meeting.
- **Megz (and others available):**
 - Attend Oct 23, 12–1 PM Rep. Josh Turek virtual meeting; share brief notes.
 - Reach out to Garrett Frey, Paula McConnell, etc., to re-engage (coordinate with Bill).
- **Bill & Andria:**
 - Time invitations to HHS leadership (Lee Grossman/Larry Johnson) for a future full Taskforce meeting.

Upcoming Dates

- **Oct 23, 12–1 PM (virtual):** Rep. Josh Turek — *Work Without Worry*.
- **Nov 6:** IAP asset-mapping (working session).
- **Nov 13, 6–8 PM:** From DC to Iowa @ Harkin Institute (in-person + virtual).
- **Dec 18:** Next committee meeting
- **February:** Full Taskforce and committee meetings.